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form of government are elected at large, unless the city council, by ordinance, provides for an election or some of all of them by wards or districts. That's simply the explanation of the committee amendment. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Debate on the committee amendments? Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close. Senator Hartnett waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 730. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are adopted. Debate on the advancement of LB 730? Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, what this will do is allow cities of first class to have some flexibility with the election of council members. There would have to be...a majority would have to be, if the voters approve, and it can be approved either by a ordinance passed by the city council or by petition by the voters of the city, but it would have to go to a vote to have at-large members. They would always...there would have to be at least...four members would have to be by district, and it couldn't be more than three at large. And so that's simply what the bill does, and so I'd ask for its advancement.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The question is the advancement of LB 730. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 730.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 96, a bill by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Government